



U. S. Congressman F. Allen Boyd, Jr.

***Service Academy Nomination
Application Packet
Class of 2014***

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Application Procedure

Attending one of the United States Service Academies is a distinct honor and an invaluable experience which can serve to lead a student down a path of success in life and to being a good citizen. Attending the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Air Force Academy, Military Academy at West Point, or Merchant Marine Academy usually requires a nomination from either a United States Representative or Senator. No nomination is required to attend the U.S. Coast Guard Academy.

Outline of Nomination and Appointment Process:

1. Applicants initiate the process by writing a simple letter of request for nominations to **Congressman Boyd's Tallahassee Office at 1650 Summit Lake Drive, Suite 103, Tallahassee, FL 32317. This letter may be submitted with your application.**

The following information must be included on the application form:

- Choice of Academy
- Name (as recorded on birth certificate)
- Social Security Number
- Permanent address (street, city, county, state, zip code)
- Phone numbers (home, office & cell) with area code & e-mail address
- Father's Full Name
- Mother's Full Name
- Date and place of birth
- Name and address of high school
- Date of graduation
- Extracurricular activities

Applicants should also explain in one 250-word essay (one page, double-spaced)

- Why they want to attend an Academy.
- Why they believe they will be successful at the Academy.
- Why the Congressman should nominate them.

2. Applicants must also initiate contact with the Service Academy or Academies of their choices and proceed with the pre-candidate application processes as dictated by that Academy. Addresses for the academies are contained in this package.

3. The Congressional Office will send application packets to students upon request.
APPLICATION DEADLINE: To be considered, applications must be received by October 1, 2009. Completed files must include the following:

- Completed Application for Nomination form and photograph.
- Official high school transcript.
- Minimum of three recommendations: one from a school official (principal or guidance counselor); one from an instructor (math or science suggested); and one of the applicant's choice of an employer, a community leader or a club sponsor.
- SAT and or ACT score reports, if available. The academy admissions officers suggest that applicants take both tests. (Codes for both at bottom of page)
- Any additional materials students feel will support their applications.

4. The Academy Nomination Board will interview candidates in October or November. Applicants will be notified of interview time and place. Waivers will be granted only to those who have a military obligation or whose parents are stationed overseas on assignments.

5. Selected nominees will be notified by the end of the year, and then Congressman Boyd will submit his nominations to the Academies.

6. Academy Admissions Officers review nominees' applications and select appointments. Most appointments will have been made by early May.

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all materials are submitted on time. Those with incomplete files will be disqualified.

Students who attend one of the Academies must serve five years of active duty following their graduation from the Academy.

TEST SCORE MINIMUMS FOR ENTERING STUDENTS

The Admissions Officers at the academies encourage students to begin taking tests in the junior year and take both the ACT and the SAT tests. Many students continue to take the tests until they have the scores that they desire. Each Academy Admissions Office has different standard ranges that it looks for each of these tests. If your test scores fall below the minimums, you may want to inquire about one of the academy preparatory schools. Remember 20 to 30 percent of each academy class does not enter an academy directly after graduating from high school. To have scores forwarded to our office directly from the testing center, please use the following codes: **S.A.T.-5476, A.C.T.-7322**. Many transcripts will include copies of your SAT or ACT scores. If so, this is sufficient and you need not send in separate score results, unless you have updated scores. Scores will be accepted after **October 1, 2009** deadline, provided prior arrangements have been made with this office.

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Application Schedule

August – October 1, 2009 - Complete Packet

Candidates must complete application packet and return it to Congressman Allen Boyd's Tallahassee Office (1650 Summit Lake Dr., Suite 103, Tallahassee, FL 32317).

October 1, 2009- Deadline!

All required information for a completed application packet **must be postmarked by this date**. Please use sufficient postage. Applications sent to office locations other than the Tallahassee, Florida office may cause delays in processing.

October or November 2009- Interview

Qualified candidates are interviewed for approximately 20 minutes by Congressman Allen Boyd's Military Academy Nomination Board. Interviews are held in Tallahassee.

Mid-December 2009 - Notification

Congressman Allen Boyd submits nominations to the Academies and notifies all interviewed candidates of nomination status by this date.

December 2009 - May 2010

Although some appointments are offered beyond May, the Academies will make the majority of appointments between January and May.

Late June or Early July 2010

Appointed cadets/midshipmen are due at the U.S. Military Academies.

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Minimum Requirements

Note to Applicant: The completion of these requirements makes one eligible, but does not guarantee a nomination. Congressman Boyd will submit ten nominations to each academy and selection is competitive. If you have not yet started a pre-candidate file at the academy of your choice, do so immediately!

| | Minimum Requirements | Minimum Scores | Avg. Scores at Academy |
|---|---|--|---------------------------------|
| U. S. NAVAL ACADEMY | | | |
| Office of Admissions/Nominations 117 Decatur Road Annapolis, MD 21402-5018 Phone: 410/293-4361 www.usna.edu/Admissions | U.S. Citizen / Age 17-23 Unmarried / No Dependents Nomination CFA and DODMERB exams 5 yrs. Post-grad Active Duty | ACT: V-22 M-24 SAT: Verbal - 530 Math - 570 | SAT: Verbal - 638 Math - 661 |
| U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY | | | |
| Director of Admissions 2304 Cadet Drive, Suite 200 USAF Academy, CO 80840-5025 Phone: 719/333-2520 www.academyadmissions.com | U.S. Citizen / Age 17-23 Unmarried / No Dependents Nomination CFT and DODMERB exams 5 yrs. Post-grad Active Duty 10 yrs. Rated Officers/Pilots & Navigators | ACT: V-24 M-25 SAT: Verbal - 580 Math - 560 | SAT: Verbal - 640 Math - 660 |
| U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY | | | |
| Director of Admissions 646 Swift Road West Point, NY 10996-4041 Phone: 845/938-4041 www.usma.edu/admissions | U.S. Citizen / Age 17-23 Unmarried / No Dependents Nomination CFA and DODMERB exams 5 yrs. Post-grad Active Duty | ACT: V-23 M-24 SAT: Verbal - 560 Math - 560 | SAT: Verbal - 630 Math - 647 |
| U.S. MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY | | | |
| Admissions Office 300 Steamboat Road Kings Point, NY 11024-1699 Phone: 516/733-5391 www.usmma.edu | U.S. Citizen / Age 17-25 No Dependents Nomination / Congressional Only CFA & DODMERB exams 5 yrs. Maritime industry 6 yrs. Post-grad Maintain License 8 yrs. Post-grad Reserve Duty | ACT: V-21 M-24 SAT: Verbal - 510 Math - 560 | SAT: Verbal - 579 Math - 622 |
| U.S. COAST GUARD ACADEMY | | | |
| Admissions Office 31 Mohegan Avenue New London, CT 06320 Phone: 860/444-8500 | U.S. Citizen / Age: Check with Coast Guard Academy Unmarried / No Dependents NO NOMINATION REQUIRED DODMERB exam only | ACT: Check with Coast Guard Academy SAT: Verbal Math | SAT: Verbal Math |

NOTE: Overall SAT and ACT scores must equal the sum of the minimum to qualify for an interview.
 CFA - Candidate Fitness Assessment
 CFT - Candidate Fitness Training
 DODMERB - Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board

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U.S. Service Academy Nomination Application Form

Please indicate the academy of your choice.

_____ U.S. Naval Academy
_____ U.S. Military Academy

_____ U.S. Air Force Academy
_____ U.S. Merchant Marine Academy

1. Personal Data:

Student's E-mail Address: _____

Name: _____ SS# _____

Perm. Florida Address: _____

Temp. Address: _____ Student's Cell# _____

Give date temp. address no longer applies: _____ Home Phone #(s) _____

Are you a U.S. Citizen? (Circle One) Y / N Date and Place of Birth: _____

Name of Parent(s) Father: _____ work/cell#: _____

Mother: _____ work/cell#: _____

Name of High School: _____ Date of Graduation: _____

2. Academic Data:

G.P.A. (weighted) _____ G.P.A. (Unweighted) _____

ACT Scores: E _____ M _____ R _____ Sc _____ SAT Scores: V _____ M _____

Class Rank: _____ of _____ (Top _____ %)

Currently attending: High School Jr. College 4-yr. College Prep School

If college, are you attending on a scholarship? If yes, explain: _____

3. Leadership Data:

Please check all applicable:

_____ Boy's/Girl's State or Nation

_____ Eagle Scout

_____ Boy Scout/Girl Scout

_____ Key/Interact Club

_____ National Honor Society

_____ President or Officer of Class/Student Council

_____ President or Officer of School Club

_____ Academic Honors Club

_____ School Band/Chorus

_____ School Newspaper/Yearbook Editor

_____ Jr. ROTC Officer

_____ Debate Club

_____ Language

_____ Hours worked per week (after school) Employed?__

_____ Hours worked per week (summer) Employed?__

_____ Church Membership

_____ Civic Organizations

_____ Football _____ (years)

_____ Baseball/Softball _____ (years)

_____ Basketball _____ (years)

_____ Swimming _____ (years)

_____ Track/Cross Country _____ (years)

_____ Volleyball _____ (years)

_____ Wrestling _____ (years)

_____ Other Sport _____ (years)

_____ Civil Air Patrol & Navy Sea Cadets

List any other _____

I am also seeking a nomination through the following office(s): Circle name(s)

President Barack Obama / Vice President Joe Biden / Senator Mel Martinez / Senator Bill Nelson

4. Essay: Briefly state why you want to attend the academy of your choice.

Date

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U. S. Service Academy Nomination Recommendation Form

NOTE TO CANDIDATE: You are required to submit **three** recommendation forms -- (1) from your high school counselor or principal, and (2) others from a math or science teacher, coach, (optional) one letter from employer or someone who knows you well. Have them return the completed forms to you in a sealed envelope with their signature across the seal. Send this recommendation forms and letters along with your other application materials to my **Tallahassee** office by the **October 1, 2009 DEADLINE**!

1. Name of Applicant _____
Last First Middle

Address _____
Street City/State Zip

NOTE TO RECOMMENDER: The person whose name appears above is applying for admission to one off the United States Service Academies. The academies provide a college education leading to a career as a military officer. The questions posed below suggest the kind of information that would be helpful in the selection process; however, it is provided for your convenience only, and we would welcome your additional comments in whatever form you see appropriate. Your assistance in this candidate's evaluation is very helpful to us and is greatly appreciated. Please seal and sign the back flap of the envelope and return to the candidate, who will submit it unopened with his/her application. Please know their **DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 1, 2009**.

2. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity? _____

3. What do you consider to be the applicant's talents or strengths? _____

4. What do you consider to be the applicant's weaknesses? _____

5. Do you know of any personal circumstances or conditions which might effect the applicant's performance at the Academy? _____ If yes, please explain:

6. Please give us your appraisal of the applicant in terms of the qualities listed on the following page. Leave blank those which you have no information about.

| Usually Outstanding Top 5% | Superior Top 15% | Excellent Top 1/3 | Good Mid 1/3 | Average Bot 1/3 | Poor Bot 2% |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------|
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Ability to Work With Others

Imagination and Creativity

Overall Character

- Recommender's Signature _____

Position or Title:_____ School or Firm:_____

Please return this form in a sealed and signed envelope to the applicant as soon as possible. These forms are to be filled out by academic individuals. Letters will be accepted from community friends (ministers, employers, family friend, scout leader, etc).

Nomination Sources for Florida Students

1. Senatorial - apply to both

U.S. Senator Bill Nelson

Attention: Service Academy Coordinator
225 East Robinson Street, Suite 410
Orlando, Florida 32801
Telephone: (407) 872-7161 or (888) 671-4091
Fax: (407) 872-7165
www.billnelson.senate.gov

U.S. Senator Mel Martinez

Attention: Service Academy Coordinator
315 East Robinson Street
Landmark Center 1, Suite 475
Orlando, FL 32801
Phone: (407) 254-2573
www.martinez.senate.gov

2. Congressional

District 2

U.S. Congressman Allen Boyd

1650 Summit Lake Drive, Suite 103
Tallahassee, Florida 32317
(850) 561-3979
www.house.gov/boyd

Deadline: October 1, 2009 (postmark deadline)

Contact Person: Edna H. Parker

3. Vice Presidential - for Naval, Air Force, and Military Academies only.

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.

Office of the Vice President
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20501
(202) 456-7000

4. Presidential - contact any U.S. Military Academy to learn about eligibility requirements for this special service-connected category.